



Ideas and actions for a 21st century enlightenment

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Latest news



Discovering the people who make things happen

As part of the RSA's Citizen Power Peterborough programme, RSA researchers have been piloting ChangeMakers, an innovative approach to identifying the key people in a local area who create positive action, and mapping the connections between them. Peterborough has a diverse local network of ChangeMakers, whose skills and expertise can be an enormous resource for the city.

[Read more about the ChangeMakers project](#)



Beyond the Big Society – Psychological Foundations of Active Citizenship

The latest report from RSA Projects examines the Big Society in terms of the demands it places on people, and from a perspective that is neglected by policymakers - mental complexity in the adult population. We explore our capacity to understand competing motivations and values in ourselves and others, and to act appropriately in uncertain or ambiguous situations.

[Read more about the report and its latest coverage](#)



RSA Fellowship Survey 2011 - a thank you

A staggering 6000+ Fellows took part in the first annual Fellowship survey which was published just before Christmas. A huge thank you to everyone who took part!

[Find out more](#)

Get involved

Latest events in Wales

The next network in Wales is taking place at the end of this month, **Tuesday 31 January, 5pm** at the Maldron Hotel in Cardiff. Following the Fellows' Forum which took place in October last year, plans are afoot to kick-start activities and the focus moving forward will be on finding local partnership

In your network: Annika Small FRSA

"Older people hold 80% of the nation's wealth and account for £239 billion in consumer spending each year. Rather than treating older people as irrelevant, 'past it' or a drain on society, we need to tap into the opportunity that the ageing population

opportunities.

[Find out more about the event and upcoming plans ▶](#)

Catalyst winners from December

At December's Catalyst panel a record amount of Catalyst funding was awarded. This includes two ventures that received an additional £5000 grant following their initial successful applications.

[Find out more about the latest projects awarded Catalyst funds ▶](#)

presents," says Annika Small FRSA, Chief Executive of the Nominet Trust, an organisation supporting social enterprises using technology to make society better.

Annika and the Nominet Trust are staging a challenge looking for innovative projects that use technology to address specific social challenges facing older people. She would like to encourage Fellows to get involved as ideas may get up to £250,000 investment.

[Find out more and connect with Annika ▶](#)

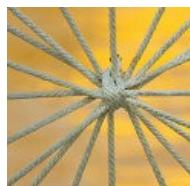
Coming up



The Future of Universities

Universities are seldom out of the news and all aspects of higher education are being examined. Fellows' Networks in South Central and South East have teamed up with the UCA in Epsom to host an evening on **Wednesday 15 February, 6.30pm** to examine the future of higher education in Britain.

[Find out more ▶](#)



Horsham network - the launch!

A new network is launching in Horsham on **Friday 20 January, 1.30pm** and we will be joined by Francis Maude, Minister for the Cabinet Office and MP for Horsham to discuss implications of the new Localism Bill.

[Find out more ▶](#)



RSA Events and the House refurbishment

The public events programme is continuing as normal but we'll be holding our events in smaller rooms. We want to make sure our talks can still be enjoyed by as many of you as possible, so we made a small change to the bookings procedure.

While the House is being refurbished, you'll only be able to book one place per event. This will help us judge our numbers more accurately. So if you are planning to come along with friends, remember that each person needs to book individually using their own email address. Do get in touch by [emailing us](#) if you have any questions.

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